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Danby News

Vote Early • Vote Once

It cannot be overstated: The right to vote is an important part of our American citizenship. Voting in elections of all kinds—local, state, and federal—is both a right and a duty. This year's election is important.

As is so often the case, there are no contested races for Danby offices. Enough said about that.

On the State and Federal levels, we've been bombarded by news reports of maneuvering aimed at election advantage by changing the ground rules. First one party, then another redrew political boundaries. Then, some states—not New York—imposed restrictions on when and where voters could cast ballots. Now, there's a battle between the Executive and Judicial branches of our government over voting by mail.

A time-honored, but inappropriate slogan is, *Vote Early, Vote Often*. It's a better idea to say, *Vote Early, Vote Once*.

New York State makes it easy for a registered voter to vote in person: Election Day, Early Voting, and "Early-Early Voting."

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Verizon Cuts Copper Connections

Communications—telephone and internet—is a known problem in Danby. Our local geography creates dead zones where cellphone service is unavailable. The spread-out nature of our homes makes fiber and cable service uneconomical for big companies.

Ma Bell's traditional, copper-wire, plain old telephone service (POTS) was rock-solid. It was not affected by power failures, repairs were made promptly, and...it just worked. As New York Telephone became NYNEX and then Verizon, our phones became less important to the corporate bottom line. The transition to cable- and fiber-based service and multiple service providers has not worked well for all customers.

With a shrinking customer base, maintaining POTS service has become less cost effective for Verizon. Now, Verizon has shared its intent to discontinue copper wire based service entirely. **Many Danby residents—Verizon and former Frontier POTS customers—have been notified that service may terminate as early as the end of November.**

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Danby's Harvest Festival

Join Danby's Community and Park in Dotson Park for its 12th not-quite-annual Harvest Festival. We've ordered good weather for Columbus Day weekend and scheduled the event for Saturday, October 10, 1-5pm. If the good weather is delayed, the event will slide to Sunday, October 11, same time, same place.

There's a lot to celebrate and its all centered on the natural beauty of Danby and its people. Apples, pumpkins, autumn leaves. Hayrides, raptors, the Trebuchet, the Potato Thrower, and more. Families can follow the StoryWalk in and around Dotson Park's Natural Playground; it features *Over And Under The Pond* by by Kate Messner.

For more than a decade, DCAP's Dotson Park has offered a Fall Frolic for families of all sizes. It's an afternoon of community connection as parents and kids chat, play, and explore. You might meet old friends, or make some new ones. Harvest Festival brings out a true cross-section of Danby's residents.

The Festival's favorite family events will be there. The Cornell Raptor program with its beautiful birds. Hay rides through the park for the whole family. Danby's Youth Program will share face painting and exploration walks. There's also a small fire for roasting hot dogs (meat and vegetarian) and marshmallows for s'mores, and for easy-going conversations at the end of the afternoon.

The Harvest Festival thanks grant support from the Community Foundation and Community Arts Partnership. All the fun things are free (how often can you say *that*?) but donations are always welcome. Contribute what you can.

Speaking of music, *Lloyd's Boys* will return to the park with banjo and fiddle tunes and old time songs. Ask about their instruments and music during the breaks! Folks have even been known to do a little dancing between the hay bales.

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It's Book Time!

The Semiannual Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale begins on Saturday, Oct 10, 8am-8pm, at 509 Esty Street, Ithaca.

The sale continues 10am-8pm over three weekends: Sun/Mon, 10/11-12; Sat/Sun/Mon 10/17-19; and Sat/Sun/Mon/Tue, 10/24-27.

The books get cheaper as the days pass, but the best volumes always go early. Visit [booksale.org].

Danby News Notes

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@danbycc.org] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the *Guidelines* and the *Submission Guidelines* at the same web location.
You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to include it; generally, we print everything we receive! You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.
A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. (tc)

Cooking for Abundance

The abundance of our annual harvest season is here. What to do with it all? Sometimes, the creative touch is all in the sauce.

Whatever your source (a garden, a CSA, or your neighbors), there seems to be no limit to local produce. Bushels of apples and tomatoes, stacks of herbs, and squash everywhere. Community cupboards, like the Harvest Share stand in the parking lot of Danby's Community Church, are bursting. Sharing is a beautiful way to cope with overwhelming abundance.

Still, our counters are full of stuff to eat (or can or freeze for the future).

Imagine our puzzlement while looking at an unexpected abundance of purple eggplants and red sweet peppers. Could there be some different to do, beyond yet another red sauce or stir-fry? Grilling is a great way to cook up a big mess of vegetables, but our taste buds clamored for something different from tomato sauce or cheesy green sauce.

Our friend, Google Search, offered a wide variety of sauces to go with grilled eggplant and peppers. We put together a *melange* of based on several ideas, then added a side dish of sliced tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil, all flavored by balsamic vinegar. Quick and easy. (pg)

Mediterranean Flavors

Vegetable Ingredients
Some Eggplant
Some Red Sweet Peppers

Preparation, eggplant
Cut the eggplant into 1/2" thick slices. Brush with olive oil. Grill a few minutes until grill marks are charred; flip and repeat. Cut peppers into 1" or 2" chunks, grill a few minutes until charring appears.

Sauce Ingredients
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
1 Tbsp olive oil
½ cup tahini paste (stirred well)
¼ cup lemon juice
½ tsp salt
¼ cup cold water

Preparation, sauce
Using a saucepan, sauté garlic in olive oil until lightly browned. Mix tahini, lemon juice, and salt. Add this thick paste to the saucepan. Add water while whisking until the paste is smooth and as thin or thick as you like. Adjust the lemon and salt seasoning to taste.

Drizzle or spread over grilled vegetables (or anything else).

Danby Resilience

Danby's Resilience Community hosts its third Resilience Fair on Saturday, October 3, 10am-5pm on the grounds of Danby's Volunteer Fire Company.

It features several 50 minute presentations, both indoors and outside in the pavilion, including *Getting Started In Beekeeping*, *Friction Fire Practice*, *Trees for Food, Fun, and Transformation*, *Eat Local Nuts*, and others. Local groups will describe what they do in our community.

Resilience in Danby has grown during the past year. A diverse group of community members have hosted potluck dinners, built a community garden, installed hubs where food staples and garden produce are shared with those in need, and presented educational programs.

The better connected we are, the better we weather difficulties that may come. In challenging times, we can weather storms when we know who we can turn to in times of need. Join in. (pg)

Postal Perils

According to news source Axios, "The U.S. Postal Service has slowed down mail deliveries so much it's failing to meet even its lowered performance targets, a report from the Government Accountability Office found."

This matters in different ways for different mail senders and recipients. The Danby News, for example, used to expect two-day delivery but now hopes for three days. Bills take longer to reach you and payments take longer to be received...but the consumer protection law covering payment due dates has not been updated to reflect this. And then there's the whole mess about voting by mail.

It reasonable to believe that the USPS' efforts to improve its financial situation is disproportionately affecting rural communities like Danby. The Post Office funds itself through postage and other sources (Want to buy a greeting card? Do you buy stamp and then squirrel them away in a collection?). Actual mail delivery isn't profitable, especially when carriers must drive miles to do it.

The GAO report estimates that about 24,000 communities will lose afternoon mail collection if the regional processing center is more than 50 miles away. For Danby (and Ithaca) that center is in Rochester, about 100 miles distant. Therefore, when mail dispatch was reduced to once a day, typically in the morning, a day was lost. Whenever it was mailed or picked up, it will probably wait overnight before transport to Rochester. Then, since a great deal of sorting occurs overnight, morning dispatch means another extra day before your mail is sent to its destination.

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➲ *Verizon Cuts Copper, con't from front page*

It's not just Danby. This change is proposed for much of New York, along with other states.



Federal Communications Commission approval is necessary; Verizon suggests that this approval is forthcoming. Verizon also says it will not drop service unless an alternative is available. Bear in mind, just as the maps used to estimate internet coverage have been understood to be overly optimistic, the official line may be that most or all of Danby has these alternatives.

For a few, fiber or cable may be a viable alternative. However, unless there's already fiber or cable on your street, it's a stretch to think that Verizon—or anyone—will install it between today and November 30. So, Verizon is probably counting on mobile wireless (cell), and most likely via a device it sells, *Voice Gateway*.

Voice Gateway connects your existing home phone wiring to the cell network. More or less, you plug your home wiring into it...and all your phones connect as a single cellphone. You can keep your existing phone number. The Gateway itself is pretty simple to set up. The monthly service fee is reasonable, about $20-30, including unlimited calling.

For you techies out there, Voice Gateway can use your home's Wi-Fi network (and switch to cell service when necessary). This may give you better service.

Some things become more complicated. The Gateway's batteries provide limited service life during a power failure ...and then you lose your phone service (I've had access to a Voice Gateway and its battery backup system failed within weeks). The "instant dial tone" you're used to may go away. Some alarm systems and medical devices will not work. The Gateway requires good reception, so it cannot be located where cell service is poor (like the basement where your wiring may now connect to POTS).

There has been no policy or procedure announced describing who will pay for migration, either to a new carrier, to fiber, to cable, or to the Voice Gateway. Verizon currently sells the Gateway for about $100.

Of course, there all those "dead zones" in Danby with no cell service...and, very often, no cable or fiber, either. It's not clear whether Verizon will be required to continue copper-wire POTS for these customers. If it did that, why would it cut off other customers who use the same wire?

I called the Public Service Commission to ask these questions. The response was, more or less, "Not our bailiwick, contact the FCC." Try it, you may get a better answer. You may file comments with the FCC; good luck with that. You can check coverage at **[broadbandmap.fcc.gov]**. Be sure to set the "settings gear' to identify the connection type you're interested in (copper, wireless, fiber, etc). Verizon offers an online FAQ page **[verizon.com/copper]**.

Finally—pure speculation—maybe this is all a maneuver by Verizon to justify increased fees for copper-based customers? Stranger things have been known to be true. (tc)

Life has too many shocks and not enough shock absorbers.

➲ *Vote Early, con't from front page*

If you can't—or don't have time to—vote on **Election Day**, Tuesday, November 3 (6am-9pm), you can vote in person during the **Early Voting** period, Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, November 1.

There are two Early Voting locations in Tompkins County: at the airport (72 Brown Road) and in downtown Ithaca (111 North Albany Street). See the graphic for hours.

And then there's Early-Early voting. You can vote "in-person" today! Since Friday, September 18, voters can go to the Board of Elections (214 West State Street), ask for an early-vote-by-mail ballot, get it, fill it out, and return it on the spot! No postal service involved.

If you must vote by mail, don't delay. Get your application in and, when you receive your ballot in the mail, return it promptly. You can start the process today.

If you've moved, it's always best to notify the Board of Elections as soon as possible. If the move was within New York State, you could still vote at your new polling place ...but you'd have to do it via an Affidavit Ballot. Avoid this bump in the road by notifying the BoE in advance.

For more info, contact the Board of Elections, 607.274.5522 or **[tcgov.co/elections]**. (tc)



Measles Still On The Rise

Measles cases are still on the rise, both in counties surrounding Tompkins and Danby, and in neighboring Pennsylvania. In fact, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has begun the process of requesting CDC emergency support.

According to the Tompkins County Whole Health Department, measles is a highly contagious virus and spreads rapidly among those who are unvaccinated. Additionally, being unvaccinated increases the risks of severe complications, hospitalization, and death. Those most at risk of infection include unvaccinated infants, children or adults (excluding those who were born before 1957, who are considered immune), pregnant persons, and those with weakened immune systems.

The measles virus is easily spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by direct contact with a contaminated surface. Symptoms can take from 7 days up to 21 days from exposure to occur. Measles can often be mistaken for other respiratory illnesses, as symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny or congested nose, sore throat and watery eyes. A red and blotchy rash may occur within 3-5 days following the start of cold-like symptoms, with the rash usually appearing on the face first. The rash may spread down the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet, and spots may join together as they spread. When the rash appears, fever temperatures may rise above 104°F.

TCWH urges everyone to be vaccinated against measles. It says that complete vaccination series is safe and effective at preventing infection.

Nature, Journaling, iNaturalist

Join nature journalist Ronda Roaring, entomologist Carolyn Klass, botanist Robert Wesley, and PRI Director of Outreach Rob Ross for an informative two hours, talking about nature, nature journaling, and how to use the community science data base iNaturalist. Skulls, rocks, and other fantastic natural things will be on display. An identification walk in Dotson Park is also planned following the talk, so wear boots. October 10, 2-4pm in the Friendship Room in Danby's Community Church, 1859 Danby Road.

For humans of all ages and abilities. The church is handicapped accessible with parking right next to the building. You need only bring your smart phone, if you have one. For questions: 607.207.1904. (rr)

➲ ***Harvest Festival, continued from front page***

Families always come out *en masse*, gathering around pumpkin-throwing trebuchet (and its diminutive sidekick, the potato launcher). Bring a small pumpkin (6-8" diameter, maximum), or potatoes or lemons (rinds work fine) (2" maximum) for launching. Both are Watch the fruits fly!

The trebuchet and the launcher are two very different examples of technology to test the velocity of vegetative matter. A trebuchet uses gravity to hurl large, heavy objects a long distance. Down comes the weight, up and out goes the pumpkin. The trebuchet's sling multiplies its energy, allowing it to launch things—like pumpkins—much further and with more force than a catapult. Youngsters of all ages are safely guided through the "rope pull" that lets loose the launch. There's lots of wide-eyed wonder as the season's surplus harvest flies through the air and lands with a satisfying crash.

Thanks in advance to Huizinga Farmstead, south of Willseyville on NYS Rt.96B, for its generous pumpkin donation! Visit its roadside stand for the bigger and better pumpkins we can't use.

The hand-held potato launcher propels small objects, very far and very fast. They literally vanish from sight! There's often a line of kids waiting for their supervised chance to pull the trigger.

Bring your voices and your instruments to gather at the end of the afternoon for a song and music swap around the campfire. Or just listen!

Dotson Park, Downtown Danby's recreation centerpiece, is at 1825 Danby Road. It features a Natural Playground, a Pavilion under a hyperbolic paraboloid roof, a Disc Golf course, and miles of trails. Find more information at `[dotsonpark.org]`. You can make a donation—online or in person—to help preserve the park and provide resources for future improvement. (dcap)

Why is it that we spend so much of our time
preparing for when we can do what we want,
instead of doing what we want right now?

"A pedestal is just as confining as any other small space."
"The truth will set you free. But first it will piss you off."
—Gloria Steinem

It's hard to hear reason
over the trumpets of angels.

Why is the *Danby News* Like Public Radio?

The *Danby News* is our go-to news source. Like Public Radio, it isn't beholden to government interference.

① We primarily present items from community members and organizations. The DN provides information that supplements and, sometimes, clarifies official, sanitized verbiage in expensive, taxpayer-funded publications.

② By law, government publications *must* present the government in a positive light. To paraphrase Public Radio, "Our goal is not to please the government we cover, or to manufacture an appearance of balance. We aim to present the facts as we know them."

③ The choice to defund both the DN and Public Radio was not budget-related. Sometimes, public officials feel threatened by distribution of a different perspective. Danby now budgets about twice as much for its house organ than it formerly paid for the DN. Danby's powers have said, on the record, that they expected [and intended] their decision to defund would shut down the DN.

④ Both the DN and Public Radio depend on the your contributions to keep an independent voice alive.

Help us cover the cost of your issues! It'd be great if every Danby-ite could afford a subscription ($15 or more per household). Not everyone can...or does. If you can, larger, lifeline contributions provide coverage for everyone else.

Please make checks payable to *Danby Community and Park*, note *Danby News* in the memo, and mail to P.O.Box 6886, Ithaca, NY 14851-6886.

➲ ***Postal Perils, continued from page 3***

And then there's the whole mess about voting by mail, which can involve several mail deliveries between the voter and the Board of Elections.

This slowdown is apparently only one of four cases when delivery times have been slowed since 2010. The decades-long effort to operate the Post Office like a business has come at great cost to what customers view as its primary purpose: delivering mail in a timely way.

USPS responded to the GAO report, "The Postal Service is well positioned to close the fiscal year strong, meet our higher target for first class mail on-time performance, and enter FY27 with significant momentum to set us up for a strong holiday mailing and shipping season."

The GAO recommended—and USPS agreed—that the Postmaster General use its 2027 strategic plan to explain how USPS plans to improve. (tc)

Reminiscing #47

From the October 27, 2005 *Danby Town Talk* column

Danby would be celebrating Halloween with a fun night at the Danby Fire Station on October 31. Halloween falls between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice. In ancient times it was the date when animals were brought inside for the winter. Our cat, Darla, who was part of our family for 21 years, always started to curl up on our bed for the night when colder weather set in. She was the only thermometer we needed!

The Danby Seniors Thanksgiving dish-to-pass lunch would be held on November 3 at the Danby Church. Turkey would be provided. Blood pressure screenings would be offered.

I read up a bit on the origins of the Danby Church, which can be traced back to 1807 when Danby was part of Town of Spencer. It was transferred to Tompkins County in 1822. Church meetings were held in the various members' homes, in the old school house, or in a barn built in 1812. Work on the church lasted from 1817-1820. Since there was no way of heating the structure on cold winter days, each family brought their own foot stoves. By 1835 the congregation had grown to 100 members. The stately New England-style church was selected in 1981 to be photographed for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. The photos are stored in the National Archives to be opened and viewed in 2081 for a new generation. Plans were already in the works for 2007 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the church.

I dedicated this column to Toni McBride. She was a good friend to the entire Danby community. Her passing one year ago left a void in the neighborhood. I remember Toni for her strong spirit, good heart and cheerful presence. Her loving partner, Judy Vandermark, continued to take care of the family farm on Danby Road and was trying to adjust to life without her best friend. Toni and Judy were good people that I liked to visit with at their Danby Market (now the Danby Gathery).

Enjoy the Fall; have a safe and fun Halloween. (gh)

It's not what happens that matters,
it's how you deal with it.

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S-VE School Taxes For Seniors

Some Danby residents are part of the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District. Its taxes are out of line with taxes assessed by any District in Tompkins County.

Taxpayers to the Spencer-Van Etten CSD—whether they have children currently in the district or not—are requested to attend a meeting in Danby's Town Hall on Monday, October 12, 7pm.

The issue is that the exemption applied to low-income Seniors by the S-VE CSD (which is primarily in Tioga County) is out-of-date and out of line with comparable exemptions in Tompkins County. This applies to all S-VE CSD residents but is particularly burdensome on Danby residents because they would pay far less if a typical Tompkins County exemption rate was used.

On your S-VE tax bill, you may have a line item that looks like "Senior Sch." That's your exemption. If you have it, your total income including Social Security, is less than $9,000. Typically, though, most of us—even Seniors on Social Security—have an income greater than that and there is no exemption. By contrast, all Tompkins County School Districts have a much more generous cutoff: $35,000, that can result in a savings of hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

New York State mandates that taxes be *fair and equitable*. Taxes assessed by the Spencer-Van Etten CSD are not fair and equitable. In NYS, school taxes are established by a School Board. According to one employee of Tompkins Assessment, the Spencer-Van Etten CSD hasn't changed its Senior school tax exemption in twenty years. Think about all the money you've paid over the past twenty years that you would not have paid if the exemption were applied, money you might have needed for health care, home or car repair, or even paying a mortgage.

Patrick Patterson, the Spencer-Van Etten CSD School Superintendent and the School Board have been asked to attend the meeting. Please be there on October 12 at 7pm to tell them what you think of their *fair and equitable* tax policy. There will be a petition to sign. (rr)

School Tax Exemptions For Danby Seniors		
Income Limit	Ithaca	S-VE
50% Exemption Below	$35,000	$9,000
No Exemption Above	$43,400	$14,700

Nothing reveals the vulgar man better than his refusal to be disappointed.

Seniors Update

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, October 1, Noon, in Danby's Community Church. Please bring a generous dish to pass and a utensil to serve it with, along with your own table service. We welcome new members at any time.

The three volunteers who have so kindly and generously set up our luncheons for many months will not be available to help during our October meeting. So I am asking others to please come early and help with set up. Please arrive by 11am.

Our October meeting will include music in the sanctuary, starting around 1:20pm.

I wish to remind folks that I will not be serving as group president after December so, if you have some interest in helping out this organization, please reach out to me.

We will have a sign-up for the Christmas luncheon in Ithaca's Boatyard Grill on December 3; $25 per person.

There will also be a sign-up for a Christmas holiday event at the Stables in Moravia on December 10. The cost is $45 per person and it will be a carpooling event.

November 5 will be our third annual Friendsgiving luncheon. We would like to ask for two volunteers to cook and bring a turkey. You will be reimbursed for the cost of the turkey.

We look forward to seeing you. (pp)

Community Library

The kids are back in school! Now is the perfect time to bring the little ones into the library and see the great juvenile books borrowed from TCPL. Be sure to browse our adult collection! Something for everyone.

.. *The Digger And The Flower*
.. *When You Find The Right Rock*
.. *Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth*
.. *There's A Hole In The Log On The Bottom Of The Lake*
.. *Ten On A Twig*.....*Sloth Wasn't Sleepy*
.. *Dog's Colorful Day*.....*Five Hiding Ostriches*
.. *Z Is For Moose*.....*Dragon Was Terrible*
.. *The Very Last Leaf*.....*A Little Chicken*
.. *Two*.....*Be Kind*
.. *Sophie's Squash*.....*A Perfect Day*
.. *Full Moon Pups*.....*Gideon*

The weather is still nice enough for families to take the Danby Story Walk in Dotson Park: *Over And Under The Pond* by Kate Messner. (cp)

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Danby News: Event Calendar

Oct 1 • Thu
Noon Community Church • Seniors Luncheon Mtg
Oct 3 • Sat
9:15am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
9:30am Community Church • Paws To Remember
Oct 6 • Tue
5pm Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Budget Meeting
6pm Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing: Electric-assisted Bicycles
Oct 7 • Wed
5pm WD Fire Station • West Danby Water District
Oct 10 • Sat • Rain Date on Sunday, same time and place!
1-5pm Dotson Park
Danby Harvest Festival
Oct 12 • Mon
7pm DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm WDFD Station • WD Fire Dep't Meeting
Oct 13 • Tue
6:30pm DVFC Station • Fire District Mtg
7pm Town Hall+Zoom • Conservation Adv. Council
Oct 15 • Thu
4pm Community Church • Danby Food Pantry
Oct 20 • Tue
6pm Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting
Oct 21 • Wed
7pm Town Hall+Zoom • Planning Board Meeting
Oct 27 • Tue
6:30pm DVFC Station • Fire District Mtg

Meeting	Date	Zoom MtgID	Passcode
Town Board	Oct 6	864 5365 2513	920558
CAC	Oct 12	835 4940 5296	879507
Youth Commission	Oct 14	See Town web site	
Planning Board	Oct 21	822 5277 6582	N/A
Town Board	Oct 20	833 9755 8154	114604
Zoning Appeals	Oct 27	Unknown?	None?
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			

Warning: Zoom meeting info and agendas change frequently!

Nov 3 • Tue
6am-9pm DVFC Station and WDFD Station
General Election
6pm Town Hall+Zoom • Town Board Meeting
Nov 4 • Wed
5pm WD Fire Station • West Danby Water District
Nov 5 • Thu
Noon Community Church • Friendsgiving Luncheon
Nov 7 • Sat
9:15am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
9:30am Community Church • Paws To Remember
Nov 9 • Mon
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7pm WDFD Station • WD Fire Dep't Meeting
Nov 10 • Tue
6:30pm DVFC Station • Fire District Mtg
7pm Town Hall+Zoom • Conservation Adv. Council
Nov 19 • Thu
4pm Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

Ongoing Events

Seniors Strength Class via Zoom
Mondays and Thursdays, 9–10am
Contact `[jmchurch@twcny.rr.com]` for Zoom link
Danby Community Library Town Hall
Tuesday, 1–3pm; Thursday & Saturday, 10am–Noon
Books can be returned via the outdoor drop box.
Food Scrap Recycling Town Hall ➲🡸🡸⇦⇦
Saturdays, 9am-Noon
AA Meeting via Zoom: `[874 4775 7338 / 872277]`
Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Where Things Happen

Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road
DVFC Station • 1780 Danby Road
WDFD Station • 47 Sylvan Drive, off Rt.34/96
Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road
Dotson Park • 1825 Danby Road
American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road